CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Moreover, Examiner objected to claim 20 and the use of "barring axis". Kindly note that the claim has been amended to overcome such objection.

35 USC §112

Examiner stated that claims 6, 7 and 13 and 20 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In particular Examiner stated that claim 6 recites limitation "said first and second spaced stationary shafts" in lines 2 and 3 of the claim and there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation. Kindly note that Claim 6 has been amended to overcome such objection.

Moreover, Examiner stated that Claim 13 includes insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "said first and second generally cylindrical stationery ends". Kindly note that the claim has been amended to overcome such objection.

Moreover, Examiner stated that there is insufficient antecedent basis for claim 14 and 15 with respect to "said outer surface". Kindly note that the claims have been amended so as to overcome such objection.

Furthermore, please note that claim 15 has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

Moreover, the antecedent basis in claims 16, 17, 18 and 20 has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

35 USC§ 102

Examiner rejected 1-20 as being anticipated by Kishimoto. Agent for Applicant respectfully states that the claims have been amended so as to particularize that the roller has a rotatable portion and a non-rotatable portion. This is different from that shown in Kishimoto which illustrates a unitary roller 16.

Furthermore, the term stationary end has been replaced with non-rotational portion. Kishimoto does not include a roller that has a non-rotational portion.

Furthermore, Kishimoto does not teach a roller which has an outer diameter of a hollow drum which drives a conveyor material nor a non-rotational surface which does not contact the conveyor medium.

Moreover, Kishimoto does not teach a roller having a roller tube with a diameter larger than the diameter of the non-rotational portions.

Also, Kishimoto does not teach a hollow drum which presents a first end flange and a second end flange, with roller bearing means disposed between the first and second end flanges and the first and second generally cylindrical non-rotational portions respectively.

Also, Kishimoto does not teach a roller which has first and second non-rotational portions spaced from the first and second flanges by a distance by a few thousandths of an inch.

Finally Kishimoto does not teach a method of inhibiting contact with a motorized rotatable conveyor roller driving a conveyor medium by placing the motorized rotatable conveyor roller between opposed generally cylindrical non-rotatable rollers, where the motorized rotatable conveyor rollers have a diameter so as to contact and drive the conveyor medium, and where the non-rotatable rollers have a diameter less than the motorized rotatable conveyor roller so as not to contact the conveyor medium and inhibit contacting said rotatable portion.

DRAWING

Examiner objected to the drawings on the basis that the drawings did not include reference characters mentioned in the description, namely 39. The last paragraph in page 5 has been revised to include the statement "Roller bearing 38 and 39 are also provided" as follows:

> End flange **2A** includes a double seal adapter **45DS** and oil seal **46** as well as bearing rings **45**. Furthermore ball bearings **36** are also associated with end flange **2A**. Roller bearing 38 and 39 are also provided.

Moreover, the Examiner stated that the drawings do not include the reference line mentioned in the description, namely, 37B. Kindly note that the reference to 37B on page 6 line 18 has been amended to read 37 as follows:

> Moreover one end **80** of fixed shaft **64** presents a gear housing **3**. One end **81** of the second shaft **65** presents a motor flange **4**. Furthermore locking disk **41** is disposed in the vicinity of the motor flange **4**. Each of the gear housing **3** and motor flange **4** present ball bearings **37A** and **[[37B]]** **37** respectively which permit free rotation of the rotor or rotational shaft **14**. The ends of gear housing **3** and motor flange **4** present securing means **17** to secure the stator **13** thereto as shown. More specifically the securing means **17** comprises in one example socket head cap screws as shown.

CONCLUSIONS

Agent for Applicant respectfully states that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicits same.

Yours faithfully,

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